

**ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002
MINUTES**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Craddock, DDS, Chairperson, Nevada Dental Association
Shari Peterson, RDH, M.Ed, University and Community College System of Nevada, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association
Shannon Coday, Community Ombudsman, Nevada State Division of Aging
Maureen Fanning, RN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Clark County Health Department
Mike Johnson, Manager, Saint Mary's Outreach Programs
Michelle Kling, RN, Division Director, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruth Eisenhower, Washoe Tribal Head Start
Cathy Lytle, RDH, Project Manager Miles for Smiles
Patricia Durbin, Deputy Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA)
Pastor Anthony Steele, Bethel AME Church
Tim Elam, Educare

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Robert Cooley, DDS, MS, Nevada State Dental Health Officer, State Health Division (SHD)
Judy Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Chris Forsch, RDH, Oral Health Consultant, BFHS
Lori Cofano, RDH, Fluoridation Consultant, BFHS
Laurie Nickles, RDH, Oral Health Educator, BFHS
Dennis Murphy, Oral Health Educator, BFHS
Thara Salamone, Oral Health Biostatistician, BFHS
Rebecca Wilson, Administrative Assistant, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Marti Cote, RN, MSS, Medicaid
Lori Benvin, Executive Director, Northern Nevada Dental Society
Brian Brooks, HCH Director, Nevada Health Centers
Maury Astley, Executive Director, Nevada Dental Association
Kathy Newton, RN, MSS III, Medicaid
Deborah Bethers, RDH, Las Vegas League of Woman Voters
Louise Helton, Program Administrator, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM), Children's Dental Program
Susan Silverton, DDS, Academic Dean, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dentistry
W. J. Busch, DDS, Executive Director, Nevada State Board
Autumn Kizerian, Program Director, Huntridge Teen Clinic

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Robert Cooley called the Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) meeting to order at **9:10 a.m.** at Special Children's Clinic, 3811 West Charleston Boulevard Suite 209, Las Vegas, Nevada and Nevada State Health Division Kinkead Building, 505 East King Street, Room 601, Carson City, Nevada. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Elko Nursing Office, Elko; Clark County Health District, Las Vegas; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Kinkead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; and Special Children's Clinic, Las Vegas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2002

Maureen Fanning motioned to accept the minutes from May 7, 2002 as written and Shari Peterson seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

STATE DENTAL HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Robert Cooley reported he has held training sessions for the University of Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dentistry and Medicaid regarding Title XIX, Medicaid. He has also participated in a number of other educational sessions including one for American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry program directors, which addressed the acute shortage of faculty in pediatric dentistry, and a Head Start forum on best practice and improving oral health care. He has partnered with Cathy Lytle and the Miles for Smiles program in working with Head Start to take care of their dental problems. He will be working with the Miles for Smiles program from the end of this month through November.

Dr. Cooley indicated there is a problem in Nevada of no standardized methods for surveillance; therefore the current data is unreliable. He questioned if there is a more accurate predictor for oral health needs other than the free or reduced lunch statistics. He pointed out these statistics don't address the aged or disabled populations. Dr. Cooley also asked how would the implementation of Nevada's mission statement (*To ensure all Nevadans achieve optimum oral health*) be measured. Would a count of people helped or quantity of services provided be the criteria? He suggested implementing the suggestions of the OHAC and keeping the data.

Dr. Cooley presented a list of criteria that may be utilized by the Oral Health Program (OHP):

1. Target population where oral health is improvable and maintained.
2. Providers' data collection calibrated.
3. Quality assurance and outcome assessment.
4. Potential sustainability.
5. Data/statistics disseminated.

He reiterated the need to focus resources to aim for success.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATE DENTAL OFFICER REPORT

Shannon Coday clarified her understanding of Dr. Cooley's report. She then relayed her concern that all the programs seem to start with youth, which have different needs than other special populations. Dr. Cooley clarified the protocols should be established to provide measurable results for all populations. The goal is have sustainability and consistency. Chris Forsch explained the roles of the committee, which is to assist the OHP in direction; the OHP will not be providing direct services or administering actual care. The OHP can provide guidance to other programs within the state with the goal of establishing consistency and sustainability.

Shari Peterson asked about funding for the program in light of state budget cuts, and if money from grants would be requested. Chris Forsch replied although there is budget cuts for all state agencies and a freeze on any new programs, the OHP is 100% federally funded and was not anticipating any funds from the state or any cuts in federal funding. The OHP is available as a resource and can assist in grant writing and information dissemination.

Mike Johnson and Dr. Susan Silverton both made reference to the difficulty the OHP is facing in trying to establish a standardization of data, as Nevada is made of small providers with a patchwork of statistics. It was suggested there be a web page with information regarding best practices that is continually updated. Ms. Forsch indicated many listserves exist and it would be possible to incorporate this information on the Oral Health portion of the Bureau of Family Health Services' (BFHS) website. Mr. Johnson stated it might be helpful if Dr. Cooley shared information from the meetings he has participated in as outlined in his report. Mr. Johnson motioned to have a written copy of Dr. Cooley's report sent to each committee member, as the enormity of information contained will be a valuable resource. Ms. Fanning seconded.

MOTION APPROVED.

Ms. Peterson also spoke of OHP designing data collection protocol.

ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

Ms. Forsch introduced the OHP staff: The charge for the Committee is to assist OHP in meeting the goals outlined in both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant and the Oral Health Stakeholders Plan. Also to provide advice and assistance with new goals as the old ones are met. A handout outlining the current goals was distributed. It was noted two of the three goals for the first year have been met, with establishing a statewide surveillance system still to complete. For the remaining goals, the Committee will be instrumental in assisting OHP in determining the main message to portray in the oral health curriculum for schools. Another aspect for the Committee will be to review the educational curriculum for content and cultural competency. The Committee will be able to assist in defining the target audience of the media campaign and the main messages to be presented. In regard to improving access to the oral health provider network for Nevada's most needy, progress is being made in Fallon, Yerington, Elko, Silver Springs, Winnemucca, and Carson City. Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA) is working on developing dental access in rural areas. Elko has really moved quickly, with the anticipation of a regional pediatric clinic opening in the next year.

Long term care and skilled nursing facilities (LTC/SNF) training for staff is being developed. A survey of all active licensed dentists, oral surgeons and family physicians has been developed

and administered regarding oral cancer practices. This would measure the self-reporting of oral cancer screenings and education of patients. The OHP is cautiously optimistic the water fluoridation initiative will pass in Washoe County in the November ballot.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

Dr. Susan Silverton commented the UNLV Dental School is at the end of the second week of classes. The school has 38 dental students developing lesson plans and curriculum for K-12, and they would be interested to see what the OHP already has. She also felt the students would be eager to work outside of the Clark County area.

Ms. Peterson questioned whether it is possible to review what curriculum is already available statewide and how it compares nationally. This will be looked into and reported upon at the next meeting. Mr. Johnson indicated the report should also discuss technology and dissemination of the information.

Discussion regarding oral health curriculum for Nevada schools ensued. Ms. Peterson met with Clark County school nurses approximately 2 – 3 years ago, at which time they were given educational material/curriculum to disseminate. This could be done on an annual basis; however, there was a problem in that the oral health educational material was not viewed as a priority because each school district has so many state mandated curriculums, there was no time for the oral health materials. Looking toward legislatively requiring oral health education was mentioned.

PRESENTATION FROM THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM BIOSTATISTICIAN REGARDING EXISTING DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE DATA COLLECTION

Thara Salamone, Oral Health Biostatistician presented a power point tutorial regarding the importance of data, the current data available, and problems with the current data. It was noted Nevada ranked 50 of all states in the number of dentists per population. For most of the data available, there is no indication of the method used to collect the data. Another problem for any data collection is the uniformity of data gathering. The OHP has a database that can be sent to various programs and organizations on floppy disc to assure uniformity of data collection.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BIOSTATISTICIAN REPORT

Ms. Peterson requested Ms. Salamone send a copy of the database to her. It was also suggested all Committee members get a copy of the variables which need to be collected. Ms. Coday suggested treatment urgency be added to the questions, as there is a high incidence of emergent treatments for seniors. Mr. Johnson asked whether there is a question asking whether the patient has a regular dentist. It was determined this question could be added to the permission slip given to parents through the up-coming open mouth survey of third graders.

The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) is assisting with establishing a sample for OHP upcoming surveys. All Committee members present requested a copy of the sample information be emailed to them. Social Economic Status (SES) classification criteria is still being worked out.

Louise Helton of the UNLV School of Medicine recommended Ms. Salamone review the “Kids Count Data Book”. This can be obtained through Keith Scherer at UNLV. It was also noted he would be very interested in the OHP surveys and could be of assistance with advocacy, data collection, and dissemination. It was noted the Nevada Dental Society has not yet been approached regarding their prospective role in collecting data. Dr. Craddock will present to them and ask for volunteers. Ms. Coday suggested distributing protocols to the dentists again with variables for different populations. Ms. Peterson indicated some dental hygiene students are doing practicums with the senior population. Activities include providing fluoride varnish and oral health education. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) may be able to report data on selected populations such as 55 years and older or 65 years and older. This data may be able to be used to assist with grant writing that will target seniors.

The Committee was informed Ruth Eisenhower would no longer be able to serve on the Committee. They were asked to think of suggestions for a suitable replacement and email those names to Ms. Forsch.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

No public comment.

BOARD CALENDAR – DETERMINE DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be in Reno on Friday, January 24, 2003. The location will be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **11:15 am.**